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Producer: AUGUSTO CARDI.

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Chorus Master: PATRICK SOMERVILLE.

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DRAMATIS PERSONAE:

MIGNON	VIORICA CORTEZ
FILINA	NICULINA MIREA
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Synopsis of Scenery:

TIME: ABOUT 1800 A.D. PLACE: GERMANY.

ACT 1.—COURTYARD OF A COUNTRY INN, GERMANY.

ACT 2.—SCENE 1.—FILINA'S BOUDOIR AT THE CASTLE OF BARON ROSENBERG.
SCENE 2.—IN THE CASTLE PARK.

ACT 3.—GALLERY IN THE CASTLE OF COUNT CIPRIANI, ITALY.

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"MIGNON"

by Ambroise Thomas (1811-1896), a most successful French operatic composer. "Mignon," his most famous work, was first produced in Paris in 1866. It is based on Goethe's "Wilhelm Meister."

Mignon, who as a child of noble birth was stolen by Gypsies, is ordered by Giarno, the Gypsy leader, to dance in the Court of a German inn. Worn out with her journey, she refuses. Giarno is about to beat her, when Lothario, harper to a troupe of strolling players, intervenes. The Gypsy then turns on him but Wilhelm Meister, a student, who has joined the troupe because of his love of Filina, their leading lady, now intervenes, rescuing both Mignon and the old man. To save Mignon from further persecution, Filina gives money to the Gypsies and Mignon, dressed as a page, becomes Wilhelm's attendant. Mignon, who has fallen in love with Wilhelm and is jealous of Filina, determines to drown herself in a lake near a castle where the players are to perform, but the tones of Lothario's harp deter her. She tells her grief to old Lothario and expresses the wish that the castle in which the beautiful actress is playing may be struck by lightning. At last the play is over. Filina, coming from the castle, sends Mignon back for some flowers which she has forgotten. But Lothario, in sympathy with Mignon, has fired the castle. As the flames grow, Wilhelm rushes into the burning building and rescues Mignon.

The last act opens in Lothario's house in Italy, whither Mignon has been taken to recover from illness. In her delirium she reveals her love for Wilhelm. Then it is revealed that Mignon is really Sperate, the long lost daughter of Lothario, Marquis of Cipriani, who became a wandering minstrel in order to search for her. Filina renounces Wilhelm in favour of another lover (Frédéric) and Wilhelm and Mignon are united. Two well-known musical numbers are: Act I—" Knowest thou that dear land" (Mignon); and Act II—" I am Titania" (Filina).

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